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SUBJECT:GSP STATUS OF HANDICRAFT ITEMS FROM BOLIVIA

REF: (A) STATE 1213Y4 (B) LA PAZ 3781 (C) LA PAZ 5586

1 SECTION 503 (C) (1) OF TRADE ACT OF 1974 STATES,
INTER ALIA, THAT THE PRESIDENT MAY NOT DESIGNATE AS
ELIGIBLE FOR GSP "TEXTILES AND APPAREL ARTICLES WHICH ARE
SUBJECT TO TEXTILE AGREEMENT."

2. TSUS SCHEDULE 3 STATISTICAL HEADNOTE 4 LISTS THE TSUS
NUMBERS OF THOSE PRODUCTS WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO RESTRAINT
UNDER US BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENTS. WOOL MUFFLERS
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AND SCARVES (INCLUDING OF LLAMA AND ALPACA WOOL) UNDER-

TSU NO. 372 ARE SUBJECT TO SUCH AGREEMENTS AND ARE NOT
NOW ELIGIBLE TO BE DESIGNATED FOR GSP.

3. USG IS HOWEVER, NOW EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES FOR ENABLING
CERTAIN HANDICRAFT TEXTILE PRODUCTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR
GSP IF A COUNTRY EXPRESSES INTEREST IN SUCH PRODUCTS. IF
GOB INTERESTED IN HAVING HANDICRAFT TEXTILE ITEMS WHICH
ARE NOT NOW ELIGIBLE FOR GSP REVIEWED TO DETERMINE IF THEY
MIGHT BE MADE ELIGIBLE, IT SHOULD NOTIFY THE USG OF THE
ITEMS IN WHICH IT IS INTERESTED. WE SEE NO POSSIBILITY THAT
NON-HANDICRAFT TEXTILE ITEMS COULD BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR GSP.

4. IF GOB INTERESTED IN SEEKING GSP COVERAGE FOR TEXTILE
ITEMS WHICH ARE ELIGIBLE FOR GSP TREATMENT (I.E., NOT
COVERED BY AGREEMENTS) BUT NOT NOW DESIGNATED FOR GSP, IT
COULD EXPRESS ITS INTEREST THROUGH THE EMBASSY OR DEPART-
MENT. IN ADDITION, AN INTERESTED PARTY (PERHAPS AN IMPORTER
OR SELLER OF ITEMS IN U.S.) COULD PETITION THE TRADE
POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE TO HAVE THESE ITEMS ADDED. TPSC
WOULD THEN CONSIDER ECONOMIC FACTORS AND MERITS OF CASE
BEFORE MAKING DECISION.

5. BELIEVE ABOVE INFORMATION RESPONDS TO QUESTIONS
PRESENTED REFTEL (C). DEPARTMENT GLAD TO PROVIDE FURTHER
INFORMATION AS NEEDED. DEPARTMENT WILLING TO PROVIDE COPY
REPRESENTATIVE BILATERAL AGREEMENT IF EMBASSY SO DESIRES,
BUT DO NOT BELIEVE TEXT WOULD AID IN DEALING WITH QUESTIONS,
COVERING GSP SINCE AGREEMENTS THEMSELVES DO NOT DEAL
WITH QUESTION OF EXCLUSION OF COVERED PRODUCTS FROM GSP.
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